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For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING AGAINST
OVERLOAD CONDITIONS ON NODES OF A
DISTRIBUTED NETWORK

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to an Official Action dated July 17, 2006, kindly amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.